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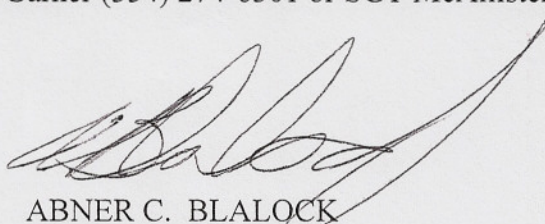
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MEMORANDUM FOR All Alabama National Guard Units (Army and Air)

SUBJECT: Alabama National Guard Joint Substance Abuse Program (JSAP) Prevention, Treatment, and Outreach (PTO) Policy

1. The Alabama National Guard, in conjunction with NGB, has instituted a pilot program called Prevention, Treatment, and Outreach. This program's mission is to provide prevention training, outreach to military families, and treatment resources to military members in an effort to increase military discipline, individual performance, and combat readiness.
2. Command support at all levels is essential for program effectiveness throughout all stages of the PTO program. Commanders will ensure that all officials and supervisors support the JSAP (and the command role in prevention, biochemical testing, early identification, rehabilitation and administrative or judicial actions is essential (AR 600-85, 1-31).
3. Commanders' responsibilities include, but are not limited to: implement a Biochemical Testing Program, implement prevention and education initiatives (4 hours per service member/yr IAW AR 600-85, 2-6), maintain liaison with JSAP personnel, conduct unit risk inventories (URIs) or R-URIs (Re-Integration URIs) annually to assess unit risk factors, work with the unit prevention leaders (UPLs)/drug testing program administrative managers (DTPAMs) and the PTO/Prevention Coordinator (PC) to conduct training on high risk behaviors (to include NGB's Team Readiness Modules), and adhere to all standards put forth by Chapter 2 (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention), AR 600-85 and AFI 44-121.
4. Units will notify the PC of all referrals; commander-directed, self-referrals, and drug positive referrals. The PC will assist in finding suitable state certified rehabilitation services and will monitor service member progress.
5. Family outreach is a critical issue for the quality of life for service members. Commanders will work closely with the PC, UPLs/DTPAMs, and internal Guard organizations to maintain integrated family readiness and support programs that provide information and services on substance abuse.
6. Commanders will place this Policy Memorandum on the unit bulletin board. Points of contact for substance abuse prevention issues are MSG Garner (334) 274-6301 or SGT McAllister (334) 274-6316.



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